

## Lansburgh &amp; Bro

**Closed Today--Christmas.**

Open tomorrow morning at the usual hour with the prices on thousands of fine Handkerchiefs, reduced because they became mused during the rush. A splendid opportunity for those in search of Handkerchief Bargains.

50 Shaving Cases left. Worth \$1.00. Can be yours for 43c.

25 per cent discount on all Fancy Boxes.

25 per cent reduction on all Jewelry, Fancy Atomizers, etc.

10,000 yards \$1.25 Plisse Silk, 59c.

Lansburgh & Bro.

420, 422, 424, 426 7th St.

**S. Kann, Sons & Co.**  
8th and Market Space.

**Closed ALL DAY Today.**  
**BIG**  
**Cloak Sale Tomorrow**

See Star for items.

**THE EVANS DINING ROOMS,**  
922-924 F St. N. W.  
Below is the menu for Christmas Day at the Evans Dining Room. A superb table d'hôte dinner for only 25 cents:  
Terrapin, a la Maryland. Oyster. Boiled Columbia Salmon. Egg sauce.  
Roast Rhode Island Turkey. Cranberry Sauce. Kid of English. Leg of Black Bear. Apple Sauce. Roast Wild Canadian Goose. Stuffed. Sharp Sauce. Fried Calves Brains. With Mushrooms. Saddle of Venison. Currant Jelly. Potato Salad. Chicken. Baked Potatoes. Beans. Boston style. Lima Beans. Green Peas. Sugar Corn. Mince Pie. Pumpkin Pie. Cherry Pie. Peach Pie. English Plum Pudding. Hard and Souffle. Raisins. Baked Apples. Figs. Catawba. Grapes. Citron Cake. Sherry Wine Jelly.

## Fresh Laid Eggs.

You cannot improve on a nice fresh egg—the trouble is to get fresh ones. We look after that. Our Fancy Eggs are put up in one dozen patent paper boxes, and every egg is guaranteed fresh. The price is no higher than others ask for inferior quality.

**WILKINS & COMPANY,**  
Square Marble and Glass Stands.  
Center Market.

**Feel Badly To-day?**

We ask this repeatedly, because between diseases often follow trifling ailments. If you are weak and generally exhausted, nervous, have no appetite and can't work, begin at once taking the most reliable strengthening medicine, which is Brown's Iron Bitters.

**IT CURES**  
DYSPEPSIA, NEURALGIA, CONSTIPATION, MALARIA, NERVOUS AGITATION, FUNGUS AND LIVER TROUBLE, RHEUMATISM, GRAVEL, WOMEN'S COMPLAINTS.  
Get only the genuine, and has crossed red lines on the wrapper.

**BROWN CHEMICAL CO., BALTIMORE, MD.**

**UNDERTAKERS.**  
**J. WILLIAM L. JONES, UNDERTAKER,**  
832 Pa. Ave. N. W.  
First-class service. Phone, 1895.  
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**DIED.**  
REYNOLDS—Died Monday, December 23, 1895, at 12 m., John W. Reynolds, Jr., beloved husband of Annie Reynolds, son of John W. Reynolds, in his thirty-sixth year. Funeral Thursday at 2 p. m., from his father's residence, 201 C St. N. E. Relatives and friends invited to attend. de25-26

## SOCIETY'S FESTIVE PERIOD

Events That Will Brighten the Season of the Yuletide.

**Christmas Happenings and Gossip Among Well-Known People—Receptions and Teas.**

Merry Xmas at the capital. The morning of surprises dawned clear and fair, and the small boy and girl, and grown-up folks as well, are rejoicing in possessions lately acquired and a grateful season of festive remembrance. Every variety of gift for young America, from silver-plated carpers to tools to live canaries, has received the approbation of that symbol of juvenile precocity, and his elders likewise are happy. The pretty debutante blushing acknowledges her delight of dozens of big bouquets tied with broad ribbons to match in tint ribbons, violets or roses.

The young chap from college rearranges on his garaged pipe rack a new collection of his life's affections—brooding over the clearness and color of their amber tips.

Everywhere youth and pleasure have away, with kneeling, reverent crowds thank God in the churches for a Merry Xmas.

Miss Mary Pearson of Baltimore is the guest of Miss Eulalia E. Brown of B street southeast.

The Washington Lido Club held its weekly meeting Thursday last at Mrs. Watson's, No. 427 Fourth street, on Thursday last.

Mrs. Hillers won the first prize, a gold and silver almond spoon, the booby prize, a dainty little cream jug, being awarded to Mrs. Roberts.

Among those present were Mrs. Fitzhugh, Mrs. Costin, Mrs. Walker, Miss Ross,

little gifts and a round of holiday exercises to any good-bye for vacation.

The social calendar for today shows: Mrs. and Miss Sheridan, a tea, 5 o'clock. Miss Edes, a tea, 5 o'clock. Mrs. Richardson, a tea, to meet Miss Phelps and Miss Withering.

Miss Todd, a dance.

**FAIR SAMARITANS.**  
The Good Work of Famously Rich and Beautiful Women.

WITH scarcely an exception, the girls whose coming-out teas and frocks and daily doings are faithfully chronicled, are women who devote almost as much time and attention to their charities as they do to their gowns.

For instance, Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt celebrates her birthday in most charming fashion. She invites a party of girls belonging to the Friendly Society to spend the afternoon with her. Luncheon is provided, spread forth as daintily with flowers and fruits as though the entertainment were for the hostess' intimate friends, and each girl carries away as a souvenir of the occasion a box of bon-bons and a basket of flowers.

**SLEEP ON THE WISHBONE.**  
It Will Determine Whether You Will Marry or Become an Old Maid.

THE sentimental girl will have an opportunity on Christmas Day of finding out for a certainty whether she or her bosom friend will be married first. The wishbone of the Christmas turkey is infallible in that respect. The most approved method is for the two friends to pull the wishbone, the one getting the larger piece with the flat end being the one who will first be married.

A young woman who has been most successful in getting the larger end says you can't fail to get it if you simply hold it up and let the other one pull.

After you have pulled the bone and broken the larger piece you can either hang it up on the door to see whom you will marry, or you may find it out in another way. Have a friend write the names of five men

## LATEST IN WRAPS.



Mrs. King, Mrs. Hiller, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Watson and Mrs. Harrell. The club will be entertained next week by Mrs. Fitzhugh at No. 222 E street.

Master Harold Smith was given a popcorn party last night at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Katharine Motley of Capitol Hill. Games and popcorn paring were the amusements of the evening, and a dainty collation was spread.

Among those present were Misses Nettie and May Foy, Miss Elsie Barnes, Miss Dollie White, and Masters Willie Spence, Johnny Dalton, Frank Wilber, and Harry and Eddie Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schneider have returned from a month's visit to Montreal.

A pleasant Christmas gathering was held at the kindergarten of Miss Joseph Holman on East Capitol street, where Senator Mitchell's little ones attend. All had their

## King's Palace

will be open till noon today.

We are still showing by far the best line of Cloaks and Jackets in the city at prices that will appear almost incomprehensible to you when you see the goods, they are such wonderful values.

Our stock of Millinery will delight you, it is so large and varied and so wonderfully cheap.

\$5 Ostrich Boas, \$2.98.

Genuine Ostrich Feather Neck Boas—regular \$5.00 value—it was a lucky purchase enables us to sell them at

\$2.98.

## King's Palace,

812-814 Seventh St. N. W.  
715 Market Space.

## WOMEN WHO SPECULATE

Dabbling in Stocks Not Confined to the Male Sex.

TEMPTED BY EARLY SUCCESS

Some Women Are Successful, Others Make Failures. All Know the Pangs of Occasional Losses—Wives of Prominent Men Among the Crowd of Feminine Gamblers.

It was while on a Christmas shopping tour recently that The Times' woman reporter and a companion ran into a very charming woman waiting an oyster waiter, a big black velvet hat and a jabot of lace, which made a swirl of lines under an exceedingly pretty face.

She was excited. This was apparent in the flash of her cheeks, which caused one to look attentively at her brown and velvety eyes. The excitement was also revealed in the tenderness of her lips, which showed little white teeth between them as she talked.

One describes her prettiness in detail, because it is singular, considering what she talked about.

A very pretty woman is supposed to talk of trifles or pleasures. She talked of very serious and weighty matters. My friend chatted with her, and I observed from the other side of the bargain table and listened.

"I lost \$4,000 yesterday, and if the thing keeps on I am ruined."

"Oh, don't ask me. I don't know. It's these things and losses, and I know they will ruin you," said the other, soothingly.

"But he can't consider—you see these things don't enter into his calculations. It's the honor of the country, and that sort of thing."

"Then, it's that Olney," she exclaimed, quite innocently. "I know Olney puts him up to it, and he is so stubborn, he would rush the country into war, if he ruined everybody."

"Oh, you're not ruined," said the other, soothingly.

"I am, or I will be tomorrow. This is a fearful life."

When she passed on the reporter said to her friend: "What is she talking about?"

**A FEMININE SPECULATOR.**  
"Why, that woman is a speculator," he answered. "She is supposed to be very smart, too. She is charming, but an inveterate gambler."

"And what in the world did she mean in speaking of Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Olney?"

"Oh, you know, it's this talk of war which has caused a panicky feeling in stocks. They took a great slump yesterday and the fortunes of people who had plenty of money to back their deals."

All this was Greek to me, and I decided to go and talk to this little woman myself. So I took her address in a notebook, and for the moment forgot her.

"Ah, but all things group themselves around a given center in this universe, it seemed that I was to be the center for the moment around which these tales of feminine speculation were to revolve."

So I went to the address, and while I was being filled she had opened a Morning Times and was carefully perusing the—absolutely barren market page. Suddenly she exclaimed:

"Ah, I shall certainly lose \$500."

"Why, my dear," I answered, "has some one run off without repaying a loan?"

"Oh, no," she said, with a nervous smile; "it's my stocks that are troubling me. Now, why didn't I sell as I was advised? But whoever heard of Northwestern falling so low?"

"Northwestern what?" I asked.

"Humph! Well, you are a silly woman," returned my cultured visitor, pulling off her best gloves and twisting her fingers. "The stones were on the outside of her dainty fingers."

"The Northwestern is a railroad. I have put money into it, and now it's all gone. I have put money into it, and now it's all gone. I have put money into it, and now it's all gone."

Having murmured something polite about the proposed loan, I said:

"How did you come to do it all?"

"Well, I will tell you; ecstatically, though, remember."

"It was Col. Jones who put me up to it. One day last summer when everybody was out of town and things were horribly dull, I was sitting in the afternoon in a hammock, reading a story by Anthony Hope. I don't know if you have read it, but it was a very clever story. I read everyone of his chatty little books. I think he was invented to save us women from being bored to death."

"Where was it? O, yes, I was reading something of his; just finished it, in fact, and was yawning and wondering what next, wishing I was in the mountains."

**COL. JONES ON OPTIONS.**  
"Along came Col. Jones looking perfectly happy and pleased with the world and himself. I asked him how he managed to keep from being bored, and he said: 'The easiest thing in the world, madam. Get on a little deal in options; something that is good and lively, and you'll be all right.'"

"Gambler!"

"My explanation was cut short by a frigid stare through my friend's fingers. When she lowered them she said, a little coldly: 'You are not informed, my dear, so please be careful of your expressions. Gambling is what they do in bucket-shops, though why they call them bucket-shops, I'm not sure.'"

"Perhaps they rush the growler," I suggested, but she didn't understand my slang any better than I did her technical.

**Some Dainty Aprons.**  
To provide pretty and suitable aprons for children is not always easy, especially when something useful as well as pretty is desired. Lanes, mull, cross-bar mull and linen are all good material for aprons, but for usefulness black material is better than getting solid, and it can be so easily trimmed that it will lose its somber effect altogether.

Black muslin, either in checks or stripes, is mostly used. An apron made from this muslin was trimmed with rows of feather stitching, done with yellow wash silk, says the Housekeeper. Another, requiring more work, had each ruffle finished with a hem-stitched line. The stitching was done with pale green, and it produced a very good effect.

**Misunderstood.**  
Mrs. Gossp—My husband won't eat any fruit with seeds in 'em. He even has his tomatoes strained.

Mrs. Newly Wed—Why's that?

Mrs. Gossp—He seems to have appendicitis on the brain.

Mrs. Newly Wed—That's very odd. I always thought it was a disease of the stomach.—New York World.

**Christmas Chrysolite.**  
A holy Christmas stocking catches no gifts. A winter opening—the Christmas stocking. The great Christmas presence—Santa Claus.

On Christmas never look a gift cigar in the ash.

Wall street stock-kings don't hang out on Christmas.

A white Christmas makes a grave undertaker.

A Christmas three—stocking, Santa Claus and presents.

Time must be precious to the man who writes it "Xmas."

Ice sidewalks show which way the Christmas slippers.

Christmas "slippers"—those who kiss beneath the mistletoe.

As the Christmas tree is bent, so are the presents inclined.

Christmas is present time that should always prove pastime.

However, she told me where she went to place her orders, and I decided to go there, also.

However, before I went, and this is a true story of one in search of wisdom, I met the first woman again, and thought best to get at some facts and have done with glittering generalities. She was entering her home, and invited me in out of the rain. We sat in the drawing-room window and I observed her excitement was increased rather than abated.

"How is it with you today?" I asked.

"Oh, it's gone, all gone; I couldn't save myself."

She spoke not with despair as the words would indicate, but with a nervous force that suggested that she was going to get something somewhere and begin again. As her hands were covered with rings richly jeweled I thought she was by no means at the end of her tether.

"What makes you speculate?" I asked.

"O, I don't know. It's my life. I began long ago. I have kept it up. I do nothing else. But it's a awful life. I'm a wreck."

"Won't you please try to go back to that beginning and tell me of it?"

**WANTED TO MAKE MONEY.**  
"Why, yes; to please you. I was living in San Francisco ten years ago. I met a gentleman in the hotel who was literary, a bachelor and interesting. We became chummy over books. One day he asked me if I would like to make a pile of money quickly. I asked how. He explained that he was board of trade man. His affairs had tied his money up, but if he had \$10,000 he could use it to advantage."

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It seemed very strange that one should look at everything through such a distorting glass, and think great amounts disengaged for the purpose of gamblers.

In the course of the talk, I mentioned the well place I had been told where deals are made, and said I had been told it was not one of those awful bucket shops.

"Don't you be fooled," she said. "That is just what it is."

"What is the difference?"

"Why, a legitimate broker claims to have a correspondent on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, and to actually buy or sell stock. But what transactions take large sums of money. Very few women deal that way. You ask Mrs. —. She was a square woman. She had a bucket shop and was too square to be a success."